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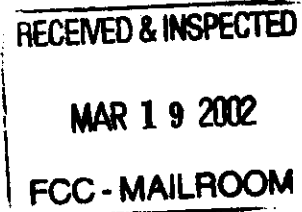
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CC Docket 96-45 & 97-21
Waiver Request

To whom it may concern,

On January 29, 2002, I submitted a Letter of Appeal to the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). I received three letters from USAC dated February 1, 2002. These letters stated that the SLD is not permitted to consider my request and that I should request a waiver from the Federal Communications Commission.

I am writing this waiver request for Funding Year 07/01/2002 – 06/30/2003, form 471's 308225, 306571, and 308208. These forms were placed in a Fed-Ex drop box on January 16th, 2002 at 3:45 p.m. for a 4:00 p.m. pickup. As the attached copies of the Fed-Ex shipping documents show, the documents were destined for overnight delivery to the Schools and Libraries Division's Kansas facility. It was discovered on Thursday evening, January 17, 2002, that the three 471 packages, along with several other important documents being shipped to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, were not retrieved by Fed-Ex. After working with Fed-Ex to retrieve the documents, Fed-Ex was able to deliver the 471 forms on Saturday, January 19, 2002—effectively putting our 471 forms in an "out-of-window" state.

I have attached a letter from Fed-Ex stating that the documents were not retrieved and that they were at fault. I respectfully request that the form 471's 308225, 306571, and 308208 be considered filed prior to the January 17, 2002 deadline.

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DATE: 01/18/02

TO: Ms. Smith

FROM: Todd Walter

cc. Nicole Blore

SUBJECT: Delayed Shipment

This fax is in reference to following tracking numbers. 803547652224, 803547652257, & 803547652235. The preceding tracking numbers were tendered to FedEx from Norwest Tri-County Intermediate. Unfortunately these shipments were placed into a drop-box, which was out of service and scheduled for removal. The shipments listed above will be picked up on 01/18/02 and Marked for Saturday delivery on 01/19/02. We do apologize for any confusion that this has created.

Todd A. Walter

Operations Manager
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